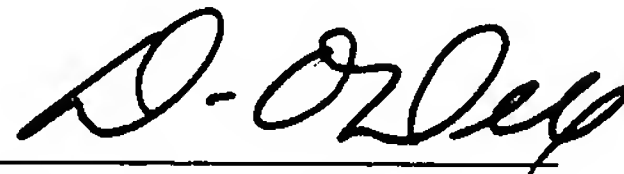


**REMARKS**

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter new claims 3-21.

As a result of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all the claims in the Application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.



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